Allergy due to wheat products

†4140. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allergy caused by wheat products is proving to be very dangerous for children;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to contain the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, Gluten, the wheat protein can cause allergic manifestations in some individuals and is called Gluten enteropathy/coeliac disease. It can be prevented/controlled by avoiding wheat, wheat products by individuals diagnosed to be allergic to this protein.

Diarrhoea Cases

†4141. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases of Diarrhoea are coming to light in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected in the State of Gujarat;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to control the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Despite several steps being taken by the Government there continues to be a prevalence of water-borne diseases in the country particularly in slums and rural areas of the country.

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